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**"PATENT"**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: § EXAMINER: Not Assigned  
Mark A. Greaney, et al. §  
S SERIAL NO.: U.S. National Phase of § GROUP ART UNIT: Not Assigned  
PCT/US2004/040092 §  
FILED: December 1, 2004 §  
FOR: METHOD FOR UPGRADING §  
CATALYTIC CRACKING §  
FEEDS BY TREATMENT §  
WITH A SULFURIC ACID §  
SOLUTION §

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the fees and commencement of prosecution in this application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.